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APPLICANT: Allen Carl. et al. EXAMINER: David C. Comstock

U.S.S.N.: 10/601,014 GROUP: 3733

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FOR: SYSTEMS, METHODS, DEVICES AND DEVICE KITS FOR FIXATION OF

BONES AND SPINAL VERTEBRAE (AS-AMENDED)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2007, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a three (3) month extension of time to November 5, 2007, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for such an extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition was inadvertently omitted when filing the within response. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 for the required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

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